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LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE MEETING - 18 SEPTEMBER 1953, DCI CONFERENCE ROOM

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Those Present:

Houston, Pforzheimer

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OGC HAS REVIEWED.

RETIREMENT:

1. Would require legislation.

2. Elliott Kaplan's Committee now undertaking study of retirement for all Government employees.

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3. Pforzheimer recommended approaching committee for their point of view. However, Meloon will take this up [REDACTED] from the Kaplan Committee. Meloon also to check [REDACTED] clearance for Kaplan. What type of retirement do we want if all Government retirement is abolished as result of Kaplan's Committee and all Government employees put under Social Security? If CIA has its own plan, will all Government service count or only CIA? Feasible for voluntary contribution to retirement funds made by the Agency to build up annuity? Do we have authority to use CIA funds for this--in effect it is increasing his salary -- payroll deductions made and deposited to retirement plan. Meloon together with representative of Comptroller to get facts on the above for next meeting of the Task Force.

4. Meloon had strong feeling that justification should be based on "hazardous" duty rather than "unhealthy" posts...all agencies of the Government could claim "unhealthy" posts....all CIA people overseas are under cover. Hazardous duty requires young people. At present time there is no additional pay or compensation for hazardous duty. Justification to be based on peculiar and unique work of CIA which other agencies do not have.... mental cases, etc.

5. Claim we need accelerated retirement--then get authority under PL 53 to employ retired military personnel for experience, specialized talents, etc. Some years ago (about 10) military had the system of giving time-and-half credit for overseas duty. This was eliminated. Why? These things to be remembered when preparing presentation to DCI.

6. No real conclusion can be drawn until Kaplan Committee Recommendations are known. However, consideration should be given amendment to Civil Service Act for CIA retirement in over-all package of legislation.

7. Any distinction between hazardous duty overseas and in the U.S.... probably could be covered by insurance.

DEATH GRATUITY:

1. Only justification is delay in payments. This subject deferred until next meeting.

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ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES:

1. Para. 3.d. of Discussion of Staff Study - Omit "In the U.S."
2. There is a high desire to get legislation because of pressure but we cannot do it alone. This should be considered when preparing final package. We would support any general legislation.

MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR DEPENDENTS:

1. Long range care for dependents would be very expensive.
2. Any thought given to assistance rather than full expense of medical care - limiting factor.
3. Write examples as actual cases---overwhelming examples.
4. Agency underwrite health accident insurance? Not feasible.
5. Ask for legislation to use existing Government facilities rather than pay medical care. If CIA sends employee and dependents overseas and assumes medical care, etc., physical examination of dependents should be given.
6. Houston brought up question of grants and aids.
7. Desirability to obtain benefits for dependents outweighed by lack of justification and administrative difficulties. Additional justification should be considered.
8. Medical care for employees on TDY abroad - Security factor.
9. Re: overseas duty - possessions and territories of U.S. - good example is [redacted]

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RESTRICTIONS AND OBLIGATIONS:

1. Only use should be made as preamble to Legislative package-- extremely dangerous. Cannot be enforced.

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